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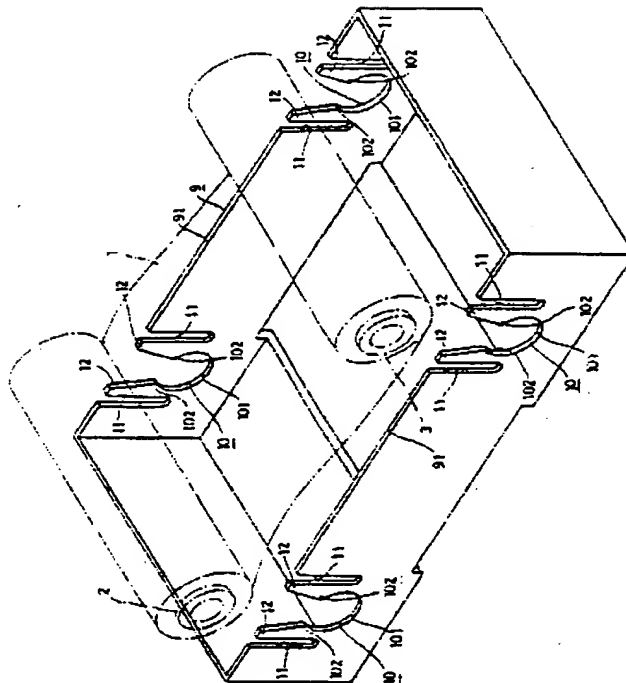
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ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To obtain an ink sheet cassette which ensures easy replacement of an ink sheet roll and has a small number of component parts, by a construction wherein a flexible elastic piece is provided between the first notch and the second notch, and projected parts are provided in the first notch.

CONSTITUTION: Each of the first notches 10 comprises a circular part 101 for rotatably supporting ends of spools 2, 3, and the projected parts 102, and the flexible elastic piece 12 is provided between each of the first notches 10 and each of the second notches 11. When fitting an ink sheet 1, the payout spool 2 and the take-up spool 3 are fitted into the notches 10 from above. As a result, the elastic pieces 12 are flexed, both ends of the spools 2, 3 ride over the projected parts 102 to be fitted into the circular parts 101, then the elastic pieces 12 resume their original shape, and the projected parts 102 prevent the spools 2, 3 from slipping off. When detaching the ink sheet 1, the spools 2, 3 are drawn out of the first notches 10 to the upper side. In this case, the elastic pieces 12 are flexed so that both ends of the spools 2, 3 can ride over the projected parts 102.

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